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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 19 May 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Amory,
[redacted] Lloyd, Kirkpatrick, [redacted]
[redacted] heldon [redacted]

Mr. Dulles:

a) Noted that at the Cabinet Meeting on Friday, 16 May, the subject of gifts to American government officials by foreign governments was raised and commented that a committee had been appointed to look into this matter and come up with government-wide regulations. The Director said while we had not asked to join this committee he thought it might be well for CIA to be represented in an observer capacity. ACTION: Acting DD/S.

c) Noted there had been a glaring mixup in furnishing [redacted]
[redacted] and asked Messrs. Lloyd and Kirkpatrick to
furnish him a report on this matter and in particular fix responsibility for the
error. [redacted]

d) Referred to the Soviet warning that any attempt by the West to intervene in the Lebanese crisis could have "serious consequences" for peace in the Middle East and directed that the Board of National Estimates consider the effects of this statement. ACTION: DD/I. (General Cabell noted that the Watch Committee is "watching" for any indications of what the Soviets might do in this regard.)

e) Asked DD/P to have [redacted] get in touch with [redacted]
[redacted] who has just returned to [redacted]

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Mr. Wisner:

Reported on his meeting with General Hull on 15 May 1958 and noted that:
1) General Hull was very pleased with the information we had furnished him on the current situations in Venezuela, Algeria and Lebanon; 2) General Hull had decided to go ahead with the 21 May meeting; 3) General Hull was most interested in the proposed Planning Group to be established for the purpose of recommending what the U.S. posture should be in future Indonesian situations and suggested that the Director might wish to make an early reply to Under Secretary of State Herter's letter on this matter in which he (Herter) recommends that the Department of State chair any group established to go into this problem. The Director said he was not satisfied that State is the proper Agency to chair any such Group and in view of CIA's responsibility under NSC 5412 he was strongly of the opinion that a representative of this Agency should be appointed Chairman. ACTION: DCI to discuss this matter with Mr. Herter.

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